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Ending unlawful conduct is best done by correcting the violator, not by bending the law to appease him. The sell-out of the American public by the Department of Justice is shameful, and I oppose it.

The idea that this agreement will somehow curb Microsoft's hideous behavior is undermined by Microsoft's own comments and actions. Within days of announcing they would "open up the desktop" and allow systems integrators to install non-Microsoft software and icons on new PCs, Microsoft immediately back-tracked when vendors proposed installing applications which compete directly with Microsoft. Witness also Microsoft's suit to end their previous agreement with the DOJ. To quote a Microsoft employee, "There's no reason you shouldn't smile the whole time you're pulling the trigger." I cannot say whether splitting Microsoft up would be a wise remedy, but I appreciate Judge Penfield-Jackson's belief that anything less severe would be a mere panacea.

The holes in this proposal are numerous and preposterous. Rather than try to restate what others have said better, I refer you to the document at [http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html#public\\_interest](http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html#public_interest).

Thank you for your time.

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